

If I had only known



Technical Experiences

from the
UKY & BU
Chautauquas

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Spelling

- ▶ Every a gets 'a' 'u'
- ▶ Except last q gets a 'ua'
- ▶ ch**AU**t**AU**q**UA**
- ▶ MUD abbreviation: chatQ
 - Lisa invented it – ask her

CHAUTAUQUA

In a nutshell

- ▶ Who to worry about
- ▶ What to worry about
- ▶ When to worry about it

Who to Know

- ▶ Know your people
 - Trust the Producer (and Lisa too ☺)
 - MUD + Phone + node operators
- ▶ Know your players
 - The live line-up
 - Speakers and their material
- ▶ Know your route
 - Site network paths
 - Wide area network paths
 - Names + phone + pager + email + boss

Worry this

- ▶ Know what you WANT to see & hear
- ▶ Know what you DO see & hear
- ▶ Know what remote sites see & hear

- ▶ Look at your Screen
- ▶ Use the Mud & Back Channel
- ▶ Look at remote screen shots

Not Microsoft Windows

- Methods for up/down

- Size on side
- Drag to place
- Drag off
- Close

- Remote questions

- Train MC to identify



Times to think

- ▶ Building the Grid
 - Layout of physical pieces
- ▶ NanoCruiseS
 - Have them early and often
- ▶ MegaCruise
 - Avoid weekends for the final run
- ▶ MC Training
- ▶ Presenter 1:1 chats
 - Get a feel for what they think they are doing
- ▶ Countdown
- ▶ Breaks in day

What you really want to hear

- ▶ Be ready with isolation solution
- ▶ Don't give up the mic
- ▶ Trust your instincts
- ▶ Don't panic
- ▶ Use all your senses (twice)

Make life easier for all

- ▶ Use ChatQ timezone as absolute
- ▶ PowerPoint naming convention
 - Short & sweet
 - Avoid long web paths
 - Avoid weird caPitaliZAtiOn
 - Always have slides in same path
 - <http://scv.bu.edu/slides/>
 - Use common monikers
 - TUE-01.ppt

Make life easier for you

► Have backup hard disk

- Install dual systems
 - Display (win2K)
 - Audio/Video (Linux)
 - Control (Win98 for now)
- Use Ghosting tools

► SPARE PARTS

- Batteries
- Connectors
- Gaff tape
- Motrin

Systems are people too

- ▶ Remember AG Systems Security
 - System Patches
 - Turn off unnecessary Services
 - Vulnerabilities come from stuff you don't need
 - Virus Protection
 - We are using too much PowerPoint

Solutions to disaster

- ▶ Agenda as it happens
 - Post speaker name and PPT on MUD
 - Only need to know start to next break
- ▶ “Click to talk” @ UKY
- ▶ MC and wireless mic @ BU
- ▶ SoX goes bye-bye @UKY
- ▶ Facility Outage @ ANL
- ▶ Beware the backhoe (somewhere)
- ▶ Artists and Technology @BU



Local Presenter



VCR Capture



Local Screen Shot



Remote Screen Shots

Remember to have Fun

- Surprise the audience by asking the speaker a question

